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# News

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## Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In August 2014, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **7 recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, the problem, and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month. If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will direct you to the recall notice located on the CPSC website.

- **L.L. Bean Recalls Children's Sweaters Due to Choking Hazard** ([14-742](#))
- **BRITA Recalls Children's Water Bottles Due to Laceration Hazard** ([14-257](#))
- **Bexco Recalls Franklin & Ben Mason 4-in-1 Convertible Cribs Due to Fall and Entrapment Hazards** ([14-258](#))
- **Two Deaths Reported with Ace Bayou Bean Bag Chairs** ([14-261](#))
- **NSR Recalls Water Sports Helmets Due to Risk of Head Injury** ([14-264](#))
- **Swimwear Anywhere Recalls Little Marc Jacobs Girls Hooded Jackets Due to Strangulation Hazard** ([14-747](#))
- **American Woodcrafters Recalls Bunk Beds Due to Fall Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Havertys** ([14-749](#))

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If you have any questions or want to file a complaint regarding an unsafe product, contact:

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## **KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE**

**Release Number: (#14-742)** L.L. Bean Inc., of Freeport, M.A., is announcing the voluntary recall of about 3,500 L.L. Bean children's sweaters sold in two styles: Fisherman's, and Open Stitch. The Fisherman cardigan sweaters are a cable-knit weave with five or six buttons down the front, sold in solid colors: pink, ivory, green, natural, navy, teal and red. The Fisherman sweaters have product numbers printed on the inside back of the neck tag: 283148 (toddlers), 283149 (infants), 284855 (little girls) or 289727 (little girls). The Open Stitch cardigan sweater has one button at the top of the neckline with a crocheted knit pattern sold in blue, light pink, white and yellow with product number 286158 on the back neck tag. The sweaters were sold in little girl's sizes 4 to 7.

**Problem:** The plastic button can become disconnected and pose as a choking hazard.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately remove the spare button attached to label located on the inside seam of the sweaters to eliminate the hazard. You can contact L.L. Bean at (800) 555-9717 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET daily or online at [www.llbean.com](http://www.llbean.com) and click on the "Recall & Safety Info" tab under the "About L.L. Bean" heading on the bottom of the page for more information.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/Recall-Alerts/2014/LL-Bean-Recalls-Childrens-Sweaters/>

**Release Number: (#14-257)** BRITA LP of Oakland, C.A., has announced the voluntary recall of about 242,500 children's water bottles that have popular cartoon characters on a hard-sided plastic bottle. The bottles stand 6 inches tall, hold 15 ounces of liquid, have white lids that screw off and have fold-up straws and filters that sit inside the straw below the lid. Each bottle bears a Brita logo and features the image of a popular children's cartoon character. The removable plastic wrap on the bottle at time of purchase has the model number BB07 and the following UPC codes: 60258-35883 on the Dora the Explorer, 60258-35914 on the Hello Kitty, 60258-35880 on the SpongeBob Square Pants and 60258-35882 on the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

**Problem:** The lid can break into pieces with sharp points, posing a laceration hazard.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled water bottles and contact Brita to receive a postage-paid shipping package to return the bottles for a full refund. You can contact Brita at (800) 926-2065 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or go to [www.brita.com](http://www.brita.com) and click "Safety Recall" for more information.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/BRITA-Recalls-Childrens-Water-Bottles/>

**Release Number: (#14-258)** Bexco Enterprises Inc., of Montebello, C.A., announces the voluntary recalls about 1,000 in the U.S. and 100 in Canada Franklin & Ben Mason style 4-in-

1 style cribs model number 5601 that were manufactured from January 2012 through August 2012. The model number and the date of manufacture are printed on a label on the inside of a side panel of the crib. Listed on the label as a “serial number,” the following purchase order numbers are included in the recall: H004522, H004546, H004548 or H004777. The cribs have solid wood sideboards and wood rails on the front and back of the crib in varying heights and can convert to a daybed, toddler bed or full-sized bed. There is a storage drawer at the base of the crib with two metal knobs. The recalled cribs were sold in weathered gray and rustic brown, and measure 57 inches long by 33 inches wide by 51 inches high.

**Problem:** The crib front can separate from the side panels and create a hazardous gap that can allow a child to fall out or become entrapped between the front and side panels.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled cribs and contact the firm for a free repair kit. In the meantime, parents are urged to find an alternate, safe sleeping environment for the child, such as a bassinet, play yard or toddler bed depending on the child’s age.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Bexco-Recalls-Franklin-and-Ben-Mason-Four-in-One-Convertible-Cribs/>

**Release Number: (#14-261)** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Ace Bayou Corp., of New Orleans, La., are announcing the voluntary recall of about 2.2 million bean bag chairs following the deaths of two children. The zippers on the bean bag chairs can be opened and children can then crawl inside, get trapped and suffocate or choke on the bean bag chair’s foam beads. The voluntary standard requires non-refillable bean bag chairs to have closed and permanently disabled zippers. A 13-year old boy from McKinney,

Texas died and a 3-year-old girl from Lexington, Ky. died after suffocating from lack of air and inhaling the chair’s foam beads. Both children were found inside the chairs. The recalled bean bag chairs have two zippers that can be unzipped and opened, including one of the exterior cover and other directly underneath that zipper. The recalled chairs with zippers that open were sold in a variety of sizes, shapes, colors and fabrics. They include round or L-shaped, vinyl or fabric, and are filled with polystyrene foam beads. They were sold in a variety of colors, including purple, violet, blue, red, pink, yellow, Kelly green, black, port, navy, lime, royal blue, turquoise, tangerine and multi-color. The round bean bag chairs were sold in three sizes, 30, 32 and 40 inches in diameter. The L-shaped bean bag chair measures 18 inches wide by 30 inches deep by 30 inches high. “ACE BAYOU CORP” is printed on a tag sewn into the bean bag chair’s cover seam. They were made in China. The recalled bean bag chairs were sold at Bon-Ton, Meijer, Pamida, School Specialty, Wayfair and Walmart stores and online at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), [Meijer.com](http://Meijer.com) and [Walmart.com](http://Walmart.com) before July 2013 for between \$30 and \$100.

**What to do:** Consumers should check their bean bag chairs for any zippers that can open, take those that can open away from children immediately and contact Ace Bayou for a free repair kit to permanently disable the zippers so that they cannot be opened. You can contact Ace Bayou toll-free at (855) 571-8151 from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or online at [www.acebayou.com](http://www.acebayou.com) and click on “Recall Information” for more information.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Two-Deaths-Reported-with-Ace-Bayou-Bean-Bag-Chairs-Recall-Announced/>

**Release Number: (#14-264)** NRS Inc., of Moscow, I.D., is announcing the voluntary recall of about 3,300 “Chaos Side Cut” helmets used for water sports, including rafting, kayaking, stand-up paddling and canoeing. The helmet’s

hard shell is available in yellow, red, blue or white. "NRS" is printed on the front and back of the helmet. The recalled helmets have a black "Boa" dial-fit retention harness inside at the back of the helmet. "Boa" is printed on the dial.

"Chaos" and PO#39225 are printed on a white sticker inside of the helmet. Helmets with an "Inspected" sticker inside the shell under the Boa dial are not included in this recall.

**Problem:** The rivets holding the chin strap to the helmet can fail and cause the helmet to fall off in an incident, posing a risk of head injury.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled helmets and return them to the place where purchased or NRS for a free replacement helmet or a full refund. You can contact NRS at (800) 635-5202 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. PT and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. PT, email [service@nrs.com](mailto:service@nrs.com), or online at [www.nrs.com](http://www.nrs.com) and click on "Voluntary Recall" for more information.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/NRS-Recalls-Water-Sports-Helmets/>

**Release Number: (#14-747)** Swimwear Anywhere, Inc., of New York, N.Y., is announcing the voluntary recall of about 210 Little Marc Jacobs girl's hooded pull-over swimwear cover up jacket made of 100% cotton. The jackets are navy with red flowers and teal leaves and have a teal bunny appliqué and two buttons on the front. They were sold in girl's sizes 2 through 12. Little Marc Jacobs Swimwear, style number LM28616, Lot #1 and the size are printed on the black sewn-in label at the center back of the jackets.

**Problem:** The jackets have a drawstring around the neck area which poses a strangulation hazard to children. Drawstrings can become entangled or caught on playground slides, hand rails, school bus doors or other moving objects, posing a significant strangulation and/or entanglement hazard to children. In February 1996, CPSC issued guidelines about drawstrings in children's upper outerwear. In 1997, those guidelines were incorporated into a voluntary standard. Then, in July 2011, based

on the guidelines and voluntary standard, CPSC issued a federal regulation. CPSC's actions demonstrate a commitment to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on neck and waist drawstrings in upper outerwear, such as jackets and sweatshirts.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take the jackets away from children. Consumers can remove the drawstring from the jacket to eliminate the hazard or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.

You can contact Swimwear Anywhere at (800) 647-6335 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at [www.swimwearanywhere.com](http://www.swimwearanywhere.com) and click on the Recall tab located under the LINKS section on the bottom left side of the homepage.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/Recall-Alerts/2014/Swimwear-Anywhere-Recalls-Little-Marc-Jacobs-Girls-Hooded-Jackets/>

**Release Number: (#14-749)** American Woodcrafters, of High Point, N.C., announces the voluntary recall of about 1,900 Cottage Retreat II bunk beds with a side ladder. The white finish beds were sold in twin over twin, and twin over full combinations. American Woodcrafters, Made in Indonesia and SKU number 6310-9771 are printed on a label attached to the inside of one of the four rails.

**Problem:** The bed's side mattress support rails can break, posing a fall hazard.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately stop using the beds and contact Havertys to arrange for the free installation of free replacement rails. American Woodcrafters and Havertys are contacting their customers directly. You can contact Havertys toll-free at (888) HAVERTY(428-3789), from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET Monday through Saturday or online at [www.havertys.com](http://www.havertys.com) and click on Cottage Retreat located under Customer Service.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/Recall-Alerts/2014/American-Woodcrafters-Recalls-Bunk-Beds/>